AMENDMENT TO CLAIMS

1. (Withdrawn) A method for predicting a response to an epidermal growth factor

receptor-directed therapy in a human subject, the method comprising the step of assaying a tumor sample from the human subject before therapy with one or a

plurality of reagents that detect expression and/or activation of predictive

biomarkers for cancer; and determining a pattern of expression and/or activation

of at least two of said predictive biomarkers, wherein the pattern predicts the

human subject's response to epidermal growth factor receptor-directed therapy.

2. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein the predictive biomarker is a

growth factor receptors, or a growth factor receptor-related downstream signaling

molecules

3. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 2, wherein the growth factor receptor is

HER1 (EGFR), pHER1, HER2/neu, and HER3.

4. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 2, wherein the growth factor receptor-related

downstream signaling molecules comprise pERK.

5. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 2, wherein the growth factor receptors is

HER1 (EGFR), pHER1, HER2/neu, HER3, or any combination thereof, and the

growth factor receptor-related downstream signaling molecules is pERK.

6. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, where in the predictive biomarkers are

HER1 (EGFR) and HER3.

7. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 6, wherein when HER1 (EGFR) is

undetectable is predictive of the human subject not responding to the epidermal

growth factor receptor-directed therapy.

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MBHB: 02-434-A S/N: 10/600,129 Filing Date: 6/19/2003 (Withdrawn) The method of claim 6, wherein when HER3 is undetectable is predictive of the human subject responding to the epidermal growth factor receptor-directed therapy.

 (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, where in the predictive biomarkers are HER1 (EGFR) and pERK.

 (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, where in the predictive biomarkers are pERK and HER3.

 (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, where in the predictive biomarkers are HER1 (EGFR), HER3, and pERK.

12. (Withdrawn) A kit for determining a response to an epidermal growth factor receptor-directed therapy in a subject comprising at least two reagents that detect expression and/or activation of predictive biomarkers for cancer.

 (Withdrawn) The kit of claim 12, wherein said kit comprises at least three reagents that detect expression and/or activation of predictive biomarkers for cancer.

 (Withdrawn) The kit of claim 12, where the predictive biomarkers are HER1, HER3, pERK, or any combination thereof.

 (Withdrawn) The kit of claim 13, where the predictive biomarkers are HER1, HER3, pERK, or any combination thereof.

 (Withdrawn) A method for predicting a response to a cancer therapy in a human subject, the method comprising the step of assaying a cell or tissue sample from the human subject before therapy with one or a plurality of reagents that detect

expression and/or activation of predictive biomarkers for cancer, wherein said predicative biomarkers consist of growth factor receptor ligands; and determining

a pattern of expression and/or activation of at least two of said predictive

biomarkers, wherein the pattern predicts the human subject's response to the

cancer therapy.

(Withdrawn) The method of claim 16, wherein the growth factor receptors are 17.

HER1 (EGFR), pHER1, HER2/neu, HER3, or any combination thereof.

18. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 17, wherein the cancer therapy is an

epidermal growth factor receptor-directed therapy.

19 (Withdrawn) The method of claim 18, wherein the cancer therapy is an anti-

EGFR antibody.

20. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 21, wherein the antibody is ABX-0303.

21. (Withdrawn) A method of selecting a subject with cancer for treatment with a

molecule targeting the epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR), comprising determining the level of expression of HER3 in a cell or tissue sample from the

subject, wherein if the level of HER3 expression is low in the cells, the subject is

selected.

(Withdrawn) The method of claim 21, wherein the molecule is an anti-EGFR 22.

antibody.

23. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 22, wherein the antibody is ABX-0303.

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 (Withdrawn) The method of claim 21, wherein the determining step further comprises determining expression of one or more of HER1 (EGFR), pHER1, HER2/neu, and, pERK.

25. (Withdrawn) A method of predicting the likely response rate to a molecule targeting epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) of a subject having a cancer that overexpresses EGFR, comprising the step of determining the level of expression of HER3 in the cell or tissue sample from the subject, wherein if the level of HER3 expression is low in the cells, the subject is likely to respond to the molecule targeting EGFR.

 (Withdrawn) The method of claim 25, wherein the molecule is an anti-EGFR antibody.

27. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 26, wherein the antibody is ABX-0303.

 (Withdrawn) The method of claim 25, wherein the determining step further comprises determining expression of one or more of HER1 (EGFR), pHER1, HER2/neu, and pERK.

29. (Currently Amended) A method of treating a subject with cancer that expresses EGFR, comprising determining the level of expression of HER3 in the cells from the subject cancer, and treating the subject with an anti-EGFR antibody when HER3 expression levels are low.

30. (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein the antibody is ABX-0303.

 (Original) The method of claim 29 wherein the determining step further comprises determining expression of one or more of HER1 (EGFR), pHER1, HER2/neu, and pERK.

- 32. (Original) The method of claim 31, wherein the antibody is ABX-0303.
- (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein the level of expression of HER3 is undetectable.
- 34. (Original) The method of claim 33, wherein the antibody is ABX-0303.
- 35. (Withdrawn) A method of selecting a subject with cancer for treatment with a molecule targeting the epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR), the method comprising:
 - a) determining the expression and/or activation profile of two or more growth factor receptors in cells and/or tissues of the subject; and
 - b) selecting the subject based on the expression and/or activation profile.
- (Withdrawn) The method of claim 35, wherein the molecule is an anti-EGFR antibody.
- 37. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 36, wherein the antibody is ABX-0303.
- (Withdrawn) The method of claim 37, wherein the growth factor receptors comprise one or more of HER1 (EGFR), pHER1, HER2/neu, and HER3.